97. However, there is a decline in cotton production during 1997-98. A Statement giving State-wise estimates of production of cotton during 1994-95 to 1997-98 is annexed. (*See* below)

(c) The decline in production of cotton during 1997-98 is attributed to unfavourable weather conditions. There was heavy rain and subsequent water logging in north zone and parts of Gujarat. Unusually, wet spell in October-Novermber affected crop prospects in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and parts of Karnataka. The unseasonal late rainfall in December further damaged the standing crop. Further, in the north zone, there was a reduction in yield upto 20 per cent, due to Leaf Curl. Virus diseases. The bollworms, Heliothis and Prodenia also damaged the cotton crop to a great extent in the central and south zone. These cumulatively led to a reduction in the yield.

(d) Action plans have been proposed and put into action in the north zone to prevent the spread of Leaf Curl Virus disease. Similarly, to combat the bollworms, the Integrated Pest Management Insecticide Resistance Management have been perfected and the extension agencies have been advised to instruct the farmers to combat the bollworm broblem. The experience and resultant benefits gained by the contact farmers under ICAR and Ministry of Agriculture sponsored Front Line Demonstration Programme in cotton have enthused further the extension officials in many cotton growing states. These spin off benefits have already been felt in many cotton growing areas.

Statement

Statewise Estimates of Production of Cotton, 1994-95 to 1997-98

State	Production (Thousand Bales of 170 Kgs. Each)			
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Andhra Pradesh	1426	1610	1849	1169
Gujarat	2269	2202	2657	2758
Haryana	1373	1283	1504	1125
Karnataka	822	849	932	812
Madhya Pradesh	346	424	437	907
Maharashtra	2500	2796	3143	1860
Punjab	1779	1950	1925	908
Rajasthan	875	1338	1363	1389
Tamil Nadu	440	339	373	411
Uttar Pradesh	12	15	7	8
Others	46	54	61	71
ALL INDIA	11888	12861	14252	11418

Production of vegetables and plantation

901. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the production of vegetables and plantation in the States during the last three years, separately, State-wise;

(b) the names of the States which have attained self-sufficiency in vegetables plantation production;

(c) whether the food processing industries are threatening self-sufficiency in availability of green vegetables and fruits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) state-wise yearly production of vegetables and plantation crops during the last three years is annexed on Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Due to absence of relevant statistical data it is not possible to estimate the status of self-sufficiency in vegetables and plantation production in various States.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Statement production of vegetables during the years 1993-94 to 1995-96

(Production in metric tonnes)

S. No.	Name of the State/UT	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1420029	2341204	2444295
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	80117	80117	80117
3.	Assam	1931874	1970007	2484536
4.	Bihar	13610198	11726318	12284700
5.	Delhi	463897	551232	6113113
6.	Goa		65000	65000
7.	Gujarat	1869900	1729800	2089089
8.	Haryana	1155000	1275000	1420000
9.	Himachal Pradesh	537800	544000	569000
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	353706	353706	353706
11.	Karnataka	5035203	5668400	5705142
12.	Kerala	2789555	2789555	2789555
13.	Madhya Pradesh	2551300	2241000	2353000
14.	Maharashtra	2737625	2809022	2957335
15.	Manipur	33000	35000	36250
16.	Meghalaya	138071	199845	211452
17.	Mizoram	45102	76648	79251
18.	Nagaland	107643	87104	87147
19.	Orissa	7983536	7896400	8785654
20.	Punjab	1721379	1721379	1774102
21.	Rajasthan	363164	283357	356908
22.	Sikkim	46911	28792	50640
23.	Tamil Nadu	4389043	4397932	4397932
24.	Tripura	320850	320850	358480
25.	U.P. (Hills)	717850	774408	790530
	U.P. (Plains)	0359928	11911660	13082540
26.	West Bengal	4858500	5340000	5391000
27.	Andaman & Nicobar	18872	16380	15850
28.	Chandigarh	8720	—	—
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	13565	13565	13500
30.	Daman & Diu	869	1029	1029
31.	Lakshadweep	127	132	130
32.	Pondicherry	23379	32075	33573
	TOTAL	**65786713**	**67265917**	**71591564**

Production of cashew during the last 3 years

(Production in MT)

State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Kerala	1,40,200	1,19,200	1,40,000
Karnataka	31,540	28,400	37,600
Goa	15,210	10,960	17,800
Maharashtra	46,660	24,960	69,000
Tamil Nadu	19,200	22,000	30,930
Andhra Pradesh	46,570	58,700	71,700
Orissa	43,420	37,200	43,000
West Bengal	3,990	3,280	8,960
Others	380	300	840
TOTAL	3,48,150	3,21,640	4,17,830

All India Final Estimate of Coconut 1995-96

State/Union Territories	Production (Million nuts) 1993-94 (Revised)	Production (Million nuts) 1994-95 (Revised)	1995-96
Andhra Pradesh	1103.5	1181.4	1231.4
Assam	116.5	117.6	126.2
Goa	116.0	118.0	119.0
Karnataka	1308.0	1364.1	1406.5
Kerala	5197.0	5335.1	5905.7
Maharashtra	148.5	178.6	169.1
Orissa	219.5	234.5	234.5
Tamil Nadu	3311.4	4345.7	4345.7
Tripura	4.7	4.7	4.7
West Bengal	310.3	274.4	279.4
Andaman & Nicobar	85.3	85.4	85.4
Lakshadweep	26.3	26.0	26.5
Pondicherry	27.7	34.1	33.8
ALL INDIA	11974.7	13299.6	13967.9

Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

Production of arecanut during the last 3 years

(Production '000 Tonnes)

State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Andhra Pradesh	0.1	0.1	0.1
Assam	54.4	57.1	57.8

State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Goa	1.5	1.5	1.7
Karnataka	101.1	105.8	113.4
Kerala	79.5	90.5	91.2
Maharashtra	3.6	3.7	3.8
Meghalaya	9.4	10.2	11.1
Mizoram	0.1	0.1	0.1
Tamil Nadu	4.3	3.1	3.1
Tripura	2.5	2.5	2.5
West Bengal	9.5	9.9	9.8
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4.9	5.0	5.0
Pondicherry	0.2	0.2	0.2
TOTAL	271.1	289.7	299.8

Allocation of Funds to Fake Voluntary Organisations in Maharashtra

902. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Maharashtra, the District Soil Conservation Officer, Malegaon (Nasik) doled out Rs. 32.82 lakhs to 22 voluntary organisations which were neither registered nor had ever worked in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Govt. of Maharashtra has reported that the Divisional Soil Conservation Officer has allotted only Rs. 6.89 lakhs in 1996-97 and Rs. 12.87 lakhs in 1997-98 to 5 Voluntary organisations which are working in different villages. These Voluntary Organisations are implementing a State Scheme named, "Adarsha Gaon Scheme". The expenditure incurred during the year 1996-97 and 1997-98 is Rs. 6.89 lakhs and Rs. 12.87 lakhs respectively.

All These Voluntary organisations are duly registered. The Voluntary Organisations are selected by a State Level Adarsh Gaon Sankalp & Prakalpa Samittee formed for this purpose by the Government. The criteria fixed by the Committee are fulfilled by these Organisations.

Capital Information in Agriculture

903. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to hike the capital formation in agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) The details of the capital formation from 1992-93 to 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a). and (b) Recognising the importance of capital formation in agricultural development, the Govenrment is taking a series of steps to raise capital formation in agriculture. These include, increased plan outlay in agriculture & allied sectors and enhancement in the investment for development of rural infrastructure. Raising productivity through various crop specific development programmes and ensuring remunerative prices would also help improve the capital formation in agriculture.

Some of the measures announced in the Union Budget for 1998-99 which